

**VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

March 23, 2009

VT College, Montpelier

***D R A F T* MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Howe, Heather McCollum, Susan Jensen, Ronald Stahley, Russell Agne, Sheryl Aliquo, Stephanie Taylor, Cassandra Major, Kathy Finck, Janet Steward.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dolly Corkins, Bruce Richardson, Judith Jones.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marta Cambra, Bob Gross, Deb Giles, Mary Beth McNulty, Marilyn Richardson, Mark Oettinger, Rebecca Otis.

**CALL TO ORDER:** B. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

B. Howe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting.

R. Agne **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting.** K. Finck seconded. **Motion passed.**

**CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

R. Agne announced that Joseph Abriscoto passed away last Monday. He was a former UVM professor and colleague, as well as a major contributor to math and science education through his textbooks and workshops in the state of VT.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

There were no Board member updates.

**STAFF REPORT – Educator Quality Team**

There were no additional comments on the staff report.

**Educator Cultural Competency in the U.S.**

MB. McNulty spoke to the Board about her research into Cultural Competency. The Board broke into pairs to discuss the model standards and what other states are doing. The Board then discussed the model standards as they relate to Vermont teachers. MB. McNulty will continue her research into English Language Learners; she will also clarify the language related to Educator Cultural Competency.

The Board broke for Committee work at 9:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

**Proposed Regulation Waiver**

B. Gross spoke to the Board about the background of the Regulation Waiver. M. Oettinger also gave the Board a deeper history on the Regulation Waiver.

R. Agne **moved to C.** Major seconded. **Motion passed.**

M. Oettinger stated that he intends to speak to the ICAR members regarding the significant amount of money it costs to advertise for proposed regulations.

### **Legislative Update**

#### **Mark Oettinger, Esq., DOE General Counsel**

M. Oettinger spoke to the Board about the Regulations going to LCAR on 25<sup>th</sup> – should be in effect by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Legislative session – economic crisis, funds constraining their options. S13 – estimate that registry checks – criminal record checks – cost 1 FT position partly in legal office and partly in EQT.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and divided into committees at 12:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Teacher & Administrator Relicensing Committee – D. Corkins Chair, reporting**

C. Major summarized the Committee's discussions regarding the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement, Update on proposed Regulations, Administrator Endorsements and the action plan implementation and next steps.

**R. Stahley moved to accept the admin lic comp doc as the completed version to be used for 9/10 NASDTEC agreement. Any states added can be accepted by the licensing office as of today's date. C. Major seconded. Motion passed.**

### **Higher Education Committee – H. McCollum Chair, reporting**

H. McCollum spoke to the Board about the Higher Education Committee's discussions on the Policy on Foreign Language, N16, and the VT Mentor Program visiting team. They also met with Nancy Kline from the College of St. Joseph (CSJ). She requested that the VSBPE move their ROPA visit to 2011 due to changes in the program leadership. The Higher Education Committee deliberates on this and decides to approve their request.

**H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE approve the following educators to serve on the New Program Review Team for the VT Mentor Program: David Ferreira, Team Chair; Executive Director, Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA); Ronald Stahley, VSBPE Member; Superintendent, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union; Patty Morgan, Coordinator, Higher Education Collaborative; David Culver, Cooperative Education Coordinator, The River Valley Technical Center; Susan Ladd, Business Teacher, River Bend Career and Technical Center. S. Aliquo seconded. Motion passed.**

**H. McCollum moved that the College of St. Joseph's ROPA visit scheduled for Spring 2010 be moved to the Spring of 2011. S. Aliquo seconded. Motion passed.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:04 p.m.

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Rebecca Otis, Administrative Assistant

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Brian Howe, Chair